

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES



Tuesday, February 14, 2022 – Regular Meeting

5:30 P.M.

Virtual Via Microsoft Teams

Due to the extreme number of COVID-19 cases in Jackson County, this meeting will be held virtually.

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Meeting called to order at 5:47 pm

10. Roll Call

Members present: Jared Davidson, Doyne Mraz, Caroline Carnes, Brian Denning, Linda Dixon

Members absent: Janice Moon, Adrian Chavez, Olivia Fry, Larry Smith

Staff present: Jesse Nyberg, Rich Rosenthal

Guests: None.

20. Approval of Minutes

20.1 December 13, 2022 regular meeting – Approved as submitted.

30. Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience

None.

40. Commission and Special Reports

None.

50. New and Continued Business

50.1 Hawthorne Park Pillar Murals

Mr. Rosenthal stated that the deadline for this project is the end of the calendar year. Mr. Davidson recommended that the commission to prioritize the project to complete it by the end of summer 2022

Mr. Nyberg stated that six pillars were painted a solid color to protect them for future murals. Mr. Rosenthal gave further background on the pillars and preparation that was required to complete the art work currently at the park.

The commission further discussed the timeline for the project. Mr. Davidson stated that he will work with Mr. Denning to complete the request for proposals (RFP) so it can be reviewed at the March regular meeting. Mrs. Dixon expressed concerns about the location of a couple of the pillars near the aqueduct and their accessibility. She recommends these details need to be mentioned in the RFP. Mr. Davidson would like to see this project be connected with the Brighter Bridges project and would like to continue discussing this at this month's study session.

Mr. Nyberg asked the commission if there were interest in having the theme continued of the current pillar murals. Mr. Davidson stated that the commission will notify original mural artist when the RFP is released.

50.2 Storm Drain/Telecom Box Project

Mr. Davidson asked Mr. Nyberg to follow up with if the city attorney and see if they reviewed the agreement with Pacific Power. Nyberg stated that he will follow up and have an update for the study session this month.

Mr. Davidson asked Ms. Carnes for assistance in promoting the project through the high schools. Mr. Mraz would like this project to be completed in the near future. Mr. Nyberg will send Ms. Carnes the information that has been collected. Mr. Denning stated that he has worked on the request for proposals (RFP) and it should be ready for distribution. Mr. Mraz would like to see some compensation available for the selected artist included in the RFP. Nyberg stated that the budget for the project is \$1,500.

Mr. Davidson asked if any commissioners wanted to serve on a subcommittee for that project. Mrs. Dixon and Mr. Davidson offered to serve on the subcommittee.

50.3 Southern Oregon Historical Society Fiscal Partnership

Mr. Davidson stated that he will be bringing the draft of the agreement to this month's study session. He asked the commission if they had input on the agreement and a proposed percentage for holding potential funds. The commission discussed a graduated scale based on the amount of funds obtained by the commission. Mr. Davidson will bring a draft to the study session with the considerations brought up during the meeting.

50.4 Arts Economic Prosperity Study

Mr. Davidson stated that the study has been pushed back to May due to pandemic issues. He stated that it will be important for the commission to promote the study survey to maximize responses.

50.5 Commission Vice Chair Position

The commission discussed the open vice chair position and if there were any interest from commissioners. Mrs. Dixon stated that it would be better to wait on nominations until more people were able to attend. The commission chose to table this item for a future meeting.

60. Committee, Sub-Committee and Affiliate Reports

Mr. Mraz reminded the commission about the scheduled arts commission inventory review at the Santo Center on February 19, at 11 am.

70. Staff Reports

Mr. Nyberg notified the commission about the two new commissioners starting their terms this month. He also reminded commissioners that the parks commission is requesting a project list from the arts commission.

80. Commissioner Remarks

Mrs. Dixon would like to have a list of school contacts to promote the Storm Drain Project by the next meeting.

90. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

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